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NYE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 24, 2002

Mr. J. Tyler Carlson
Regional Manager
Western Area Power Administration
Desert Southwest Region
P.O. Box 6457
Phoenix, Arizona 85005-6457

Re: Comments on the Applicability of the Power Marketing Initiative to the Parker-Davis Project.

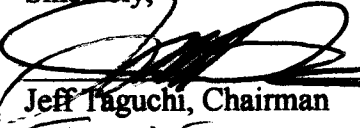
Dear Mr. Carlson:

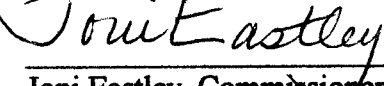
On behalf of the County of Nye, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Western Area Power Administration's notice of proposal published in the *Federal Register* on August 8, 2002. Western's proposal is to extend the long-term, firm power contracts of the Parker-Davis Project (P-DP) by application of the Power Marketing Initiative (PMI) of the Energy Planning and Management Program. We strongly support that proposal.

Large portions of Nye County are served by Valley Electric Association, which receives a current allocation of P-DP power from the Colorado River Commission of Nevada (CRC). The P-DP allocation is an integral part of the resource portfolio of our consumer-owned utility and is essential to its ability to continue providing reliable, affordable electricity to our citizens and local businesses. We hope you will appreciate that it is of paramount importance to our communities and local economy that the marketing proposal be approved as quickly as possible to provide certainty to our utility and to the consumers it serves.

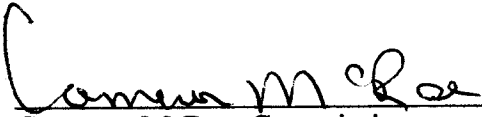
The partnership between CRC and its consumer-owned customers and the United States has been a productive and positive one over the last several decades. Swift approval of the marketing proposal and extension of the contracts will ensure that this "win-win" relationship continues.

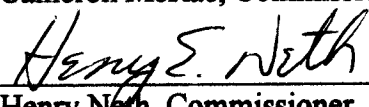
Sincerely,



Jeff Taguchi, Chairman


Joni Eastley, Commissioner



Cameron McRae, Commissioner


Henry Neth, Commissioner

Richard Carver, Commissioner